

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A thin meshy porous body comprised of a thin plate member defining front and rear faces with embossing on each face, said embossing comprising concave and convex portions opposite to each other on said front and rear faces, wherein each of said convex portions has an opening formed at its tip in at least one face, wherein:

each convex portion has a petaloid shape in which multiple petaloid shaped pieces are developed, and a V-shaped valley is formed between the adjacent petaloid shaped pieces.

6. (Previously Presented) The thin meshy porous body as defined in claim 5, wherein the thickness of said plate member is 10 to 50 μm , and wherein said concave and convex portions have a quadrangular pyramidal shape, each defining an opening having substantially a square shape, with the longitudinal length of said openings being 360 to 510 μm and the opening ratio being 45 to 60%.

7. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a thin meshy porous body comprised of a thin plate member, using a pair of embossing rolls each having many conical projections formed on their respective surfaces, comprising the steps of:

passing the thin plate member between a pair of embossing rolls; and
rotating the pair of embossing rolls in opposite directions such that
many of the conical projections on the surfaces of the pair of embossing rolls

engage each other to thereby emboss the front and rear faces of the plate member between the rolls so that conical concave and convex portions are formed opposite to each other, and at the same time an opening is formed in a tip end of each of the convex portions in at least one face.

8. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in claim 7, wherein the conical projections are formed into a quadrangular pyramidal shape, the thickness of the plate member is 10 to 50 μm , and the concave and convex portions are formed into a quadrangular pyramidal shape and the openings formed into a substantially square shape, and wherein a longitudinal length of the openings is 360 to 510 μm , a lateral length is 365 to 510 μm and the opening ratio is 45 to 60%.